

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of the 27 March 2024
Council of the AMS

Participants--- President Anjuli Bamzai, President-Elect Dave Stensrud Past-Presidents Brad Colman and Rich Clark, **Councilors**: Kristen Averyt, Mona Behl, Kandis Boyd, Rebecca DePodwin, Gine Eosco, Bill Kuo, Michelle Mainelli, Cliff Mass, and Bernadette Woods Placky (Note: Councilors Cynthia Atherton, DaNa Carlis, Rong Fu, Rachel Hauser, Andrew Humphrey, and Eri Coughlan de Perez were unable to attend.) **Executive Director** Stella Kafka and **Secretary-Treasurer** Bruce Telfeyan, **Commissioners**: Tony Broccoli, Kristie Franz, Kevin Kloesel, Mike Augustyniak, Erica Cei, Justin Pullin, Kim Klockow, and Melissa Burt **Student Observers**: Holly Malinson and Matthew Hamel, **AMS Staff**: S. Armstrong, B. Farley, C. Gorski, P. Higgins, J. Ives, A. Mancinelli, B. Mardirosian, B. Papa, K. Savoie, and G. Whittaker. **Visitors**: Kris Clerkin (CAP), Matt Marsh (CAP), Marilyn Averill (CAP), Mark Kadar (CAP), Phil Rueppel (CAP), Mark Adamczyk (CAP), Mikayla Branz and Trent Norman (Integrated Work).

Minutes Recorded by: Bruce Telfeyan

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1. Call to Order and Quorum Check

President Anjuli Bamzai called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm EDT on 27 March 2024. Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Telfeyan called the roll, confirmed the presence of a quorum, and noted that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Reaffirm all non-unanimous e-mail ballots in February and March

A motion was made and seconded to formally reaffirm all non-unanimous decisions made by e-mail ballot during February and March. Following a brief discussion the motion was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was put forward, seconded, and adopted to approve the minutes of the Council meeting in Baltimore on 28 January 2024.

4. Update on CAP Workstreams/AMS Strategic Workstreams Project

CAP Leader Phil Rueppel provided a general update on progress on the three workstreams and the accompanying deliverables. These areas included governance, the broad array of studies carried out by the AMS, implementation plans, and our mission. ED Kafka reviewed the five governance groups with the members listed as follows:

- Council (Cliff Mass, Gina Eosco, Rachel Hauser)
- Executive Committee (Becky DePodwin, Kandis Boyd, Kristen Averyt)
- Standing Committees (Bernadette Woods Placky, Cindy Atherton, Erin Coughlan de Perez)
- Culture and Inclusion Cabinet (Andrew Humphrey, Mona Behl, Rong Fu)
- Commissions (Bill Kuo, DaNa Carlis, Michelle Mainelli)

Broad discussion ensued on pairing of first-year Council members with third year members to help ease the transition to serving on the Council. President Bamzai

acknowledged that these are time-consuming activities and expressed thanks to Michelle, Mona, and DaNa for their extensive efforts.

6. AMS Statements, Rapid Responses, and Criteria for Engagement

AED Paul Higgins provided the report and recommendations of the rapid response tiger team (RRT). He proposed that the Council approve one of the options he shared in the agenda and the remainder of the procedures described for a trial period of perhaps 6 to 12 months. The options were as follows:

- Option A: Response will be drafted or overseen by RRT (Council informed, but non-participant). The RRT writes response or oversees the creation of the response by relevant expert(s). The authorship attribution is determined by the RRT
- Option B: The response requires only a vote by the Council. The RRT writes a response or oversees the creation of a response by relevant expert(s) and the RRT provides the completed statement to the Council
- Option C: The response requires deliberation by the Council. In practice, the Council would oversee the creation of a response or the creation of a response by relevant experts.

Initially after a period of discussion, no motion was made for advancing on the RRT proposal. S-T Telfeyan pointed out that the Council could choose to hold off on further action or advance a proposal. After further discussion, a motion was brought forward and seconded for the interim adoption of Options B and C for a period of up to twelve months with continued study of Option A. The roll of the Council was formally called, and the motion was adopted by a vote of twelve in favor, one abstention, and six not voting (absent).

7. Equity Assessment Final Report

Mikayla Branz and Trent Norman from Integrated Work presented a complete report of the Equity Assessment. They gave a thorough review of the entire assessment and referred all members of the Society to the 122-page report which they provided. They addressed questions from Council members and praised the AMS for very positive efforts.

8. Debrief on AMS 104th Annual Meeting

AMS Meetings Director Jen Ives gave a thorough review of the 104th Annual Meeting and plans for the 2025 Meeting in New Orleans. She provided these statistics for the meeting in Baltimore:

- 7226 attendees (6690 in person; 536 virtual), all-time record attendance
 - Average unique zoom logins per day: 1132
 - ~ 600 in person attendees also used zoom
- 245 Short Course attendees
- 62 countries represented
- 1600 Students, 1312 Early Career, 1935 Mid-career, 1680 Senior members
- Over 200 events, 94 exhibitors, 45 sponsors
- Over 1000 gallons of coffee served
- 4245 technical presentations, 2803 talks, 1442 poster presentations, 7 short courses

She referred the Council to her complete report for more details and received the thanks of several Councilors and Commissioners for her superb work and that of her entire department.

9. Adjournment

President Bamzai expressed thanks to all participants and guests for their hard work. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The Council voted to adjourn the meeting without dissent at 6:04 PM EDT.